

is not included in Claim 1 of the '225 Patent nor is it obvious to modify the process of Claim 1 of the '225 Patent to include this step. The examiner has not provided any basis for the obviousness of the modification. Thus, Claim 1 of the present application is considered allowable over Claim 1 of the '225 Patent.

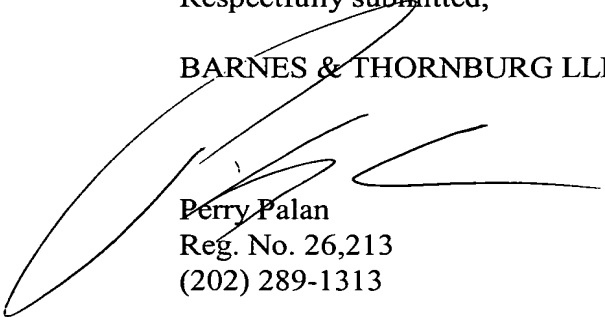
Similarly, in comparing Claim 13 of the present application to Claim 7 of the '225 Patent, this step includes using a second reticle to create a pattern for implanting with the first type of dopant into the well to create first and second regions across the boundary of the active region and spaced apart directly across the active region from each other and spaced apart from the center of the active region. It should be noted that the second reticle in Claim 7 of the '225 Patent generally corresponds to the third radical in the present claims. As with Claim 1, it is not obvious to modify, nor has the examiner indicated how it would be obvious to modify, Claim 7 of the '225 Patent to produce the claimed limitations of Claim 13 of the present application. Thus, Claim 13 of the present application is considered to be patentably distinct from Claim 7 of the '225 Patent.

Based on the above arguments, the claims of the present application are patentably distinct from the claims of US Patent 6,492,225 and, thus, passage of this case to issue is respectfully solicited.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (33851/42503).

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